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RE: SunZia Transmission, LLC; Docket No. L-00000YY-15-0318-00171
Application to Amend Decision No. 75464 Pursuant to A.R.S §40-252

Dear Chairman and My Fellow Commissioners,

On April 24, 2019, SunZia Transmission, LLC (SunZia) held a public meeting in Oracle to hear from the Oracle community regarding SunZia's application for an amendment to its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC). Several members of the community wrote into the docketing asking the commissioners to attend. Hearing their requests, I drove from Payson following our Open Meeting to attend.

By being at the meeting I felt the passion of the residents as they expressed their concerns over issues that included not only the potential impact of light pollution on their international dark sky community, but also the generation source of power that is supposed to flow through the lines. I have proposed an Energy Modernization Plan seeking 80 percent clean energy by 2050 and have made multiple attempts over the last several months to bring over half a billion dollars of clean, renewable power investments into rural Arizona. While a majority of the Commission has failed to adopt these initiatives to-date, the members of the community were sincere in their desire to know that the generation source being supported by SunZia's lines would be clean, renewable energy—and not just an “economic fantasy”—which I can appreciate and feel should be a top priority for achieving our vision of a clean energy future.

With respect to these issues, the greatest concern I believe I observed was the practical forecast of any actual expansion to the San Manuel Airport runway, which was the reason the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) imposed additional regulatory requirements on SunZia's project after the Commission had approved its CEC and the apparent reason SunZia filed its application in the above-captioned matter, which will now soon come before the Commission. SunZia stated, in general, that, if the previous owner of the land under the airport had not filed plans to extend the airport's runway, then SunZia would likely not have to relocate its towers closer to the Town of Oracle's international dark sky park nor add additional light-emitting objects across the lines.

After hearing those concerns, however, we had also heard that the land under San Manuel Airport may now be under the ownership of Pinal County. Pinal County Supervisor of District 1, Pete Rios, was in attendance with me and spoke to this issue and the county's potential to resolve these issues by correcting or revoking the previous owner's plans on file with the FAA. Hearing this new information and its potential to render SunZia's application moot, I wanted to share with all interested parties that I have sent a letter to Supervisor Rios respectfully asking that he look into this possibility with his fellow supervisors and consider any necessary amendments that could be made with the FAA to help address some of these concerns that appear to be shared by both SunZia and the people of Oracle. A copy of the letter is attached.

Out of respect for the county, the people, and applicant to have a chance to find alternative solutions independently, I respectfully ask the Chairman to hold any immediate ruling on SunZia's application until Pinal County has first had an opportunity to look into the previous owner's plans and provide a more certain update on the true status of the airport's expansion.

Sincerely,

Andy Tobin
Commissioner

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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

April 25, 2019

**RE: SunZia Transmission LLC & Pinal County's Future Plans for the San Manuel Airport
Request for Pinal County to Review and Provide Update on Runway Expansion Plans**

Dear Pinal County Supervisor Pete Rios,

It was great to see you last night along with your fellow community members in the Town of Oracle.

Recognizing that Pinal County, having now acquired the San Manuel Airport, may be able to amend or repeal the airport's previous owner's future plans to extend the airport's runway that have prompted the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to impose additional regulatory requirements on SunZia's project, I am asking the Arizona Corporation Commission's Chairman to hold any immediate consideration of SunZia's application until you and your fellow supervisors have first had a chance to review the matter and report back regarding the county's actual plans.

Please feel free to write Chairman Bob Burns directly, if you are so inclined, asking him to do the same regarding our calendar. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. M. Tobin", is written over a horizontal line.

Andy Tobin
Commissioner

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